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## Principal's Message



Welcome to Term 2. Our unorthodox end to Term 1 resulted in the girls having an extra couple of days of holiday. Thank you to families for assisting us so promptly following the announcement by the Premier of school closure. This ensured the safety of both girls and College staff.

The early departure meant a rescheduling of the Cross Country. The weather was much kinder on Thursday afternoon as the girls traversed Yeronga Park for the annual event. Thank you to Mr Boumford for all the work in organising and re-organising the Cross Country.

We welcome to staff this Term:

- Mr Anthony Stevens (Deputy Principal) returning from long service leave at the end of last Term.
- Mrs Marion Holland – Curriculum Leader for Home Economics and Hospitality also returning from long service leave.
- Mrs Deb Peden – replacing Mrs Amos' classes whilst she is on long service leave for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. Mrs Maureen Twomey is Acting Year 12 Pastoral Leader during this time.
- Mrs Kelly Worrell who will be our College Counsellor for the remainder of the year. We are also pleased to announce the arrival of a healthy baby boy. Anna Wallace, our College Counsellor, gave birth to Bodhi on April 1.
- Ms Nicole Cross has joined in the Learning Enrichment area.

Next Monday we have a group of students accompanying Ms Kim Brett into ANZAC Square to honour our fallen soldiers. Thank you to Ms Brett and the girls for representing our College for this important occasion.

Our Year 10s are also anticipating a special time away next week with their camp. The focus of this camp is about challenges and choices. Ahead of subject selection processes and career exploration over the coming Terms, this camp marks the start of a journey of reflection, growth in self-knowledge and investigation. We thank Ms Lucy Toumbas for the organisation of this important activity. Thank you also to Ms Paula Black and Ms Kelly Worrell for accompanying girls.

Finally, Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews are scheduled for May 2. The reports provided during the holidays offer valuable feedback on each girl's progress during Term 1. I encourage you to have a conversation with your daughter about her goals for the year and how she is progressing in light of those. This will also assist in your conversation with her teachers at the interview.

Shalom

**Paula Goodwin**  
**Principal**

## Teaching and Learning

Welcome back to Term 2. Hopefully the holiday was an enjoyable and restful one for everyone within the community. My thanks go to Mrs Brandenburg and Mrs Brims who covered various duties last term in my Long Service Leave absence. This term is always very busy and culminates in the last week with Community Week (formerly known as Week of Excellence) and the Year 12 Formal evening.

At the end of last Term, Interim Reports were provided electronically to parents. You would have read that the End of Semester Reports will only be provided electronically unless a paper copy is specifically requested. The report is available via the Parent Portal, which also has the link to make bookings for the Parent Teacher Student interviews. As well, the portal has

the ability to store the last 2 years' worth of reports for your daughter. There are other features, such as absence statistics and timetables which parents would find useful.

Students have moved away from file storage on their laptops to a more reliable format used in the "cloud" provided by BCE. This ensures that, should a catastrophe occur with the laptop, student files and assignments are safe in a location where they and their teachers have access and no important data is at risk. Importantly, computer catastrophe is not a valid excuse for late or non-submission of assessment items. Because of the cloud storage requirement, student files are available on any computer or device using the student's online credentials. Students are repeatedly warned that local storage of assessment should be only as a local backup of the "cloud" version.

The latest version of LIFE, our BCE Learning Management System, is providing an efficient venue for the presentation of curriculum information to students. There are future plans for parent's access to some of this information through the portals. Parents have already commented favourably on the information available in the portal and the phone app from BCE.

## QCS Preparation

Students in Year 12 are busily preparing for the QCS Test next term. After exam block, students in Year 12 will undertake two full-day practice sessions for the QCS during Community Week. This gives the College a unique opportunity to receive feedback about our students' progress in time for final preparations in Term 3. As well, our Year 11 students will commence their preparations for QCS by sitting an introductory test to gain specific information about their strengths in order to prepare for their targeted lessons commencing in Term 4.

## Parent Teacher Student Interviews

All parents should now have the specific log-in details for parents to book interviews for the upcoming Parent/Teacher/Student interviews on Wednesday May 4. The logon procedures have been automated through the access to the student portal system. Access to the portals provides a tremendous amount of information, forms, and links that are simply not possible via paper. As well, we have a more convenient process that gives parents maximum flexibility and convenience.

These important discussions give more information for parents to be able to support the education of their daughters. Popular questions are, "My daughter seems to be working very hard and studying all of the time. Is this reflected in her grades?" and "What can I do at home to ensure appropriate use of the laptops?" Other questions involve homework, test preparation, specific subject skill sets etc. In the recent reports, teachers indicated with a tick or cross whether an interview was necessary. If an interview was not "necessary" at this point, please know that they are always welcome.

It is important to remember that students will be dismissed from the College at 12.25pm (the beginning of lunchtime) on this day in order to allow all to prepare for the interviews. Whilst we do try to be flexible, often, teachers are fully booked and longer conversations will need to be conducted outside of these interview times.

## Contacting Specific Teachers

Other methods for contacting teachers involve email and telephone calls through the office. A complete list of emails is provided on the College Parent Portal website under the heading "School Directory". As mentioned before, your daughter's teachers' names are available on the BCE app. The best option of these two is email, as often a teacher will be in class for most of the day and will be unable to take your call. If they are off the property, they may still be in email contact if the situation allows.

## Student Emails

All students have a school email account. We encourage them to use this address and to check regularly as this is the most efficient way to ensure that messages are conveyed. Teachers can send instructions and resources directly to their classes with ease using this medium. Lists are maintained by the school timetable program so students will not miss out on important information this way.

Students have a single sign-on process which gives them the same passwords for login, email, portal access, access to LIFE, printing etc.

## NAPLAN

This month, the Year 7 and 9 students will participate in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This has been designed to test the skills of students in literacy and numeracy in order to report to parents/carers and schools and to accommodate the assessment of students against the national benchmark standards. However, these tests only form part of the assessment taken by specific students during the course of their schooling life. When the feedback and results are supplied, they should be analysed in conjunction with school-based assessments and read in partnership with individual summative student reports prepared by the College. Importantly, the College strongly encourages all students to participate in the NAPLAN tests as these provide rich information which we use to specifically cater for your daughter's learning requirements.

There are great number of events happening and the whole community is indeed very busy – often handling multiple things at once. It is important for us all to take a breath every now and then, to realise that not all stress is bad, and that often we can be energized and inspired by those who take a moment to notice the tremendous efforts of our parent community, students, teachers and leaders.

Enjoy the fortnight ahead.

**Anthony Stevens**  
**Deputy Principal**

## Community Matters

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that the Easter break proved to be a restful and rejuvenating time for you all and allowed you some time for bonding as a family, even if it was just over chocolate eggs. There are many exciting events happening this term beginning with Year 10 Camp in Week 2 and finishing with

the Year 12 formal in June. For parents of students in Year 8 and 9 a 'save the date' request for Tuesday May 16 at 2:00pm. This will be a time to share in an afternoon tea with some of the Pastoral Care staff that work with your daughters. Invitations and more information to come at a later date.

A reminder to parents in regards to the procedure for their daughter if they are feeling unwell at school. The student should ask their classroom teacher for permission to go to sickbay for a break from class so that they can hopefully recover and return to their normal lessons at a later stage. Once at sick bay staff ensure that students are free of all distractions (books, laptops, mobile phones etc.) so that they are able to rest for fifteen minutes. After this time, staff encourage students to return to class if they are able to do so. If they are not, a staff member will contact the parent/guardian to collect their child from school. It is important that all phone numbers on your daughter's emergency contact list are up to date for this reason. Your daughter should not make contact with you directly as it is vital that the school is aware if your daughter is unwell and about to leave the grounds for this reason. When you arrive at school it is imperative that you present at the main office to collect your child and officially sign her out of the school grounds. This practice ensures the safety of all students in the College.

If your child is late to school, before entering the classroom, she should present at the student services office with her ID Card, College Diary and a note explaining the reason that she is late. If you have been unable to provide her with a note please call the office to explain the situation. Your support in these procedures is greatly appreciated as it assists staff in providing the best care for your daughters.

All the best for the fortnight ahead.

**Dona Archer**  
**Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing**

## In the Tradition

### Easter Blessings

He is risen!

The highlight of the year for Christians is Easter Sunday when we celebrate our Risen Lord, Jesus. Easter reminds us that Christianity is a religion of hope, joy and salvation.

This is the day the Lord made. Let us rejoice and be glad.  
Give thanks, the Lord is good, 'God is lasting love!'

Now let Israel say, 'God is lasting love!'

My strength, my song is the Lord,  
who has become my saviour.

The stone the builders rejected has become the  
cornerstone.

This is the work of the Lord, how wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord made. Let us rejoice and be glad.

### School Photos

A reminder that individual and Pastoral Care class photos will be taken on Thursday 4th May. There will be no photos on Friday 5th May. Students have a number of options for payment including online via the link below or via cash, cheque, credit

card and direct bank transfer. All students have been given an envelope with payment options and costs this week.

<http://www.purplemoonphotography.com.au/olc>

As well some smaller groups will have their photos taken on that day including Yr 12 Committees and some musical groups. Larger groups will have their photos taken in October. Schedules will be available this week.

### Upcoming R.E. Events for Term 2:

<b>23 April &amp; 28 May</b>	Year 12 Rosies Outreach
<b>9 May</b>	11 SOR Video Conference
<b>18 May</b>	10/11 Community Service Activity
<b>24 May</b>	9am - College Mass for Mary Help of Christians, Bishop Oudeman celebrating
<b>20 June</b>	Yr 9 Reflection Day
<b>21 June</b>	Yr 7, 8, 10 Reflection Day

In God's love,

**Linda Brandenburg**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**Religious Education**



## Campus Minister

### Easter

Last weekend marked the end of Lent and began the great season of Easter which lasts for fifty days until Pentecost. We think back to the beginning of Lent and consider how our commitment to transform our old ways to let new life flourish has achieved a reconnection with our God. May the Easter promise of hope and new life settle in our hearts.

### Project Compassion

The girls' generosity has raised almost \$1000 for this worthy cause. Because our collections were interrupted at the end of the term, we made a concerted effort this week to successfully finish off this project. Boxes were collected for the last time today.

The Benenson Easter Raffle was finally drawn on Wednesday after also being postponed by 'Debbie'. Many lucky winners happily claimed a basket of eggs. Some of the funds raised will be donated to Project Compassion.

### Prayers Please

We rejoice with our guidance counsellor, Anna Stewart, and her husband, Scott Witheridge, who during the holidays were blessed with the birth of a baby boy, Bhodi Nathan Witheridge. May they be blessed with joy and patience in their parenting, and some sleep!

New grandchildren were welcomed by several staff recently. Please pray for Jasmin, Emelia and Nathaniel, and their doting grandmothers Ms Basia Vreugdenburg, Mrs Deb Peden and Mrs Maureen Twomey.

As we enjoy a holiday on ANZAC Day, let us remember in prayer those whose lives have been claimed in war, and acknowledge with gratitude the qualities of *courage, endurance, love of country, mateship and good humour that were adopted in the face of dreadful odds...* and let us pray for a culture of peace to permeate our hearts, and thus our world.

Easter blessings to you all,

**Kay Holmes**  
**Campus Minister**

## Middle Leaders Report

### OLC 2017 Arts Highlight Event

I am pleased to formally announce that Our Lady's College Arts Department is hitting the road and sharing their talents with the great South East of Queensland. The OLC Arts Immersion Tour (the Australian Regional Tour Showcase) will take place from Sunday **13th to Saturday 18th August 2017**.

This exceptional opportunity was made available to all Music, Drama, Art and co-curricular Arts students. The tour has been designed to extend, foster and develop our talented Arts students.

The Arts tour will highlight the College Choir, A Cappella Vocal Ensemble, Concert Band, String Ensemble, Drama Club and our Art students. These groups will have the opportunity to perform, undergo intensive workshops and be exposed to a number of unique arts experiences.

This tour will also give our students an opportunity to share their love of the Arts with others. As part of this tour, our students will be presenting performances and workshops with schools in the Rockhampton, Mackay, Emerald, Clermont and Biloela regions. Our tour group will also present a special evening performance at in the Rockhampton Capricorn Cathedral Caves, Mackay Holy Trinity Church and at the Regional Cultural Centre for the Emerald community and surrounding towns.

We look forward to sharing more information about this exciting event with you. On Thursday evening 9th August at 6:30pm, there will be a pre-tour concert held in the college Hall. Please watch this space for further information.

### OLC Co-Curricular Activities

Term 1 has been a busy and exciting time for the Arts at Our Lady's College. During this time, the co-curricular groups and ensembles have been formed and have already started to prepare for their exciting performances and events. This year the Arts department are offering the following cultural ensembles and experiences:

**College Choir** (open to all) – Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday mornings (7:40am – 8:45am)

**A Cappella Vocal Ensemble** (auditioned vocal group) - Rehearsals will be held on Friday morning (7:40am – 8:30am)

**Drama Club**– (auditioned group) rehearsals will be held on Tuesday during lunchtime

**Bollywood Dance** - Rehearsals will be held on Friday during lunchtime

**Asian Dance** - Rehearsals will be held on Friday during lunchtime

**Polynesian Dance** - Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday mornings from 8:00am – 8:30am

**African Dance** - Rehearsals will be held on Thursday during lunchtime

**Japanese Club** – lunchtimes

**Concert Band**– rehearsals are held Monday morning from 7:40am to 8:40am

**String Ensemble** – rehearsals are being held Thursday lunchtimes



The Arts department would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families, students and staff for their support, dedication and enthusiasm for the Arts. We look forward to sharing the hard work, dedication and talents of the students throughout the year.

### Instrumental Music

This year, we welcome back our specialist instrumental music teachers Miss Mrs Ruth Ross-Pe'er (Thursday lessons - strings and voice), Miss Alana Beasley (Thursday lessons - piano) and Mr Aaron Damianopolius (Tuesday lessons – guitar and drums). This year we also welcome Miss Louise McGill to our instrumental staff. Miss McGill brings her talent and specialist expertise to the Our Lady's College community, in the field of woodwind, brass, percussion and ensemble direction. Miss McGill will be teaching at the College every Monday.

The Instrumental Music program at OLC is an orchestral and vocal program. Tuition in all of the following instruments is offered. **Strings:** violin, cello, double bass and guitar. **Woodwind:** flute, clarinet, saxophone. **Brass:** trumpet, trombone and euphonium. **Percussion:** drums, tuned and untuned percussion and piano. **Voice:** classical and modern voice.

Lessons occur weekly on a rotational timetable, and can be given in small groups (\$17 per week), shared private (\$22 per week) or individual lessons (\$32 per week). Private students are given the opportunity (if requested) to prepare for external exams including AMEB, Trinity and ANZCA. If certain conditions are met, these exams can contribute points toward the QCE.

If your daughter is interested in learning an instrument, please ensure you contact Mrs Johnston via email Bianca.Johnston@bne.catholic.edu.au.

Limited places are available.

## CO-CURRICULAR PERFORMING ARTS PROPOSED CALANDER FOR 2017

Open Day / Performances

**20th May**  
**(10am – 1pm)**

Choral Festival / Workshops and Concert with David Lawrence (Concert will be held in the College Hall Thursday evening 28th July)	<b>26th and 27th July</b>
Visitors Day / Performances	<b>21st July</b>
Arts Tour Concert and Final Rehearsal Arts Tour	<b>9th August 13th to 19th August</b>
Grandparents Day / Performances	<b>18th August</b>
Father Daughter Breakfast / Performances	<b>1st September</b>
Cultural School Photos	<b>13th October</b>
College Diligence Awards / Performances	<b>17th October</b>
Instrumental Music Evening	<b>17th October</b>
Awards Night	<b>24th October</b>
End of Year College Mass (years 7- 11 only)	<b>17th November</b>

Please note, other events, performances and workshops may be scheduled throughout the year. Students will be notified during rehearsal times of requirements, times and dates.

**Bianca Johnston**  
**Arts & Culture Middle Leader**

## Ad Altiora Place:

### UQL CYBERSCHOOL - Library services for secondary schools

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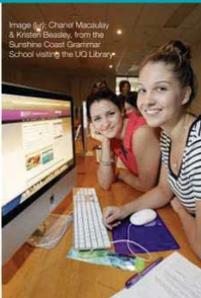


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## Villanova College Open Day



## Fees and Levies

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## College Newsletter and 2017 Calendar

Access our College Newsletter and 2017 College Calendar via the College website.

<http://www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au/>

## Important Dates and Deadlines

22 April – Saturday	Tennis Rnd 8
25 April – Tuesday	ANZAC Day
26-28 April – Wednesday-Friday	Year 10 Camp
26 April – Wednesday	Rnd 8 IC/VB/AFL/JT
1 May – Monday	Labour Day Holiday
2 May – Tuesday	Parent Teacher Interviews
2 May – Tuesday	Year 12 Parent Night 7pm-8pm
4 May – Thursday	School Photos
6 May – Saturday	Tennis Grand Final
7 May – Sunday	OLCAPP – Fashion Parade
9 -11 May – Tuesday-Thursday	NAPLAN

## Absentees

**Please Phone: 07 3426 8095 prior to 9.00 am daily**  
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